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p. 252. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. It also reviews the development and spread of drug resistance, the methods used to assess the presence and level of drug resistance, and the extent to which chloroquine and sulfaxine/pyrimethamine (SP), the two most widely used antimalarial medicines in the modern world, have now lost effectiveness. Malaria sickens and kills people using several pathological mechanisms, understood to varying degrees. In addition to the treatment of first- and second-line antimalarial medicines, additional and supportive care measures may be required (e.g. intravenous fluid, blood transfusion, supplemental oxygen, anti-resuspension). The aim of treatment is to prevent death or long-term deficiency from malaria, reduce the incidence of an episode of acute disease and completely clear the infection so that it does not re-severe. Fever, sweating, and chills (or, in some cases, just fever) caused by the release of plasmodia into the bloodstream from mature blood schizonts, are the most common symptoms of heralding the onset of a clinical case of uncomplicated falciparum malaria (see chapter 6 on a description of the development of clinical symptoms). Without treatment or active immune Page 253 Share Cite Recommended quote: 9 Antimalarial Drugs and Drug Resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Mature infection may include up to 1,012 circulating plasmodia. Any time after the infection is formed, most plasmodia will at some stage of a breathless maturation result in another round of multiplication of the patient's bloodstream. However, some parasites will be transformed into sexual stages (gametocytes), which, when swallowed by mosquitoes, can perpetuate the transmission cycle. Because each stage of the life cycle of malaria has different biochemical and different properties (i.e. it expresses different proteins or finds different parts of the body), the drug can kill one stage, but it has little effect on another. In other words, at each stage of the life cycle, the parasite manifests itself in unique biological properties that can offer a target for action on one or more antimalarial drugs. Currently available antimalarials are to be divided into three broad categories according to their chemical structure and mode of action (Add- 9-A): aryluminoalcohol compounds: quinine, chloroquine, amodiaquin, mefloxin, halofantrine, lymefantrhin, piperacine, taphenoquin Antifolo compounds (antifols): pyrimethamine, proguanil, chloroquanil, trimethoprim artemisinin compounds (artemisinin, dihydroartemisin, artemether, aeseft) Atovaquone are a group of anti-malmsalmsalms with a unique mode of action; together with the proguanil it is sold under the trade name Malaron®. Several antibacterial drugs (eg. tetracycline, clindamycin) also have antipalmsic activity, although in general their action is slow in the treatment of malaria (as opposed to prevention); it is only recommended in combination with other antimalarial medicines. Drugs that act against Plasmodium falciparum also work against the other three malaria species that affect humans-P. vivax, P. malaria, and P. ovale-except antifols, which works poorly against P. vivax. Current treatment protocols for uncomplicated malaria and severe malaria are given in tables 9-1 and 9-2. p. 254. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Followed by: 5 mg/kg at 12, 24 and 36 h; or 10 mg/kg at 24 h, 5 mg/kg 48 h or Amodiaquin 10 mg base/kg/day for 3 days1 chloroquine resistant P. falciparum known to be susceptible to sulfadoxinsetrimethamine (SP) Pyrimethamine 1.25 mg/kg + sulfadoxine 25 mg/kg (single dose; 3 tablets for adults) or Amodiaquin 10 mg base/kg/day for 3 days for chloroquine tracker P. vivaxb and multi-resistant P. falciparum Oral 4 mg/kg/day for 3 days + meflovin 25 mg base/kg (15 mg/kg on Day 2, 10 mg/kg on day 3) Arterter-lumefantrine 1.5/9 mg salt twice daily for 3 days with food Quinine 10 mg salt/kg three times daily plus tetracycline 4 mg/kg four times daily or doxycycline 3 mg/kg once daily or clindamycin 10 mg/kg twice daily for 7 days2masking the combination of falciparumalmsalms combinations containing an artemisinin derivative. Artesin (4 mg/kg/day for 3 days) has been successfully combined with chloroquine, amodiaquin, SP, mefloquine and atovaquone proguanil. bIt applies to genuinely resistant P. vivax infections, which are a major problem only in Oceania and Indonesia, and should not be confused with relapses. Amodiaquin is more effective than chloroquine resistant P. vivax. Drug interactions with people who take them, as compounds are absorbed, metabolized, distributed and excreted, called pharmacokinetics. Antimalarial drugs vary greatly in their pharmacokinetics, which affects how well they work, how they are dosed, and how long they should be taken. People also how they respond to drugs. Some of these reactions are genetically determined, others by health, others by dietary factors. In general, the pharmacokinetic properties of antimalarials are similar in children and adults, although metabo-Page 255 Share Cite Recommended quote: 9 Antimalarial drugs and drug resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. General points A. There are now some places in the world where chloroquine can be relied on for falciparum malaria, and SP resistance is spreading rapidly, so if this drug is used, up-to-date information on drug susceptibility is required. Amodiaquin is more effective than chloroquine against chloroquineoest P. falciparum, while highly amodiaquin-resistant parasites are common in East Asia. B. Pregnancy: There are insufficient data on the safety of most antimalarials during pregnancy. Artemisinin and its derivatives must not be in the first trimester. Halofantrine, primaquine and tetracycline should not be used during pregnancy. There are theoretical concerns about triggering kernicterus when long-acting sulphonamides are being used in the near future, but there is no evidence that this is a major problem in practice. There are uncertainties about the safety of meflomin during pregnancy. Quinine, chloroquine, proguanil, SP and clindamycin are considered safe during the first trimester. Quinine may cause hypoglycaemia, especially during late pregnancy. C. Vomiting is less likely if the patient's temperature is lower before oral administration. D. If possible, artesunate or quinine (< 7 days) alone is not recommended. E. In case of renal insufficiency, after 48 hours, the quinine dose should be reduced by one and a half thirds and doxycycline should be prescribed, but not tetracycline. F. All drug doses in children do not change; however, several drugs, including atovaquone, proguanil and artesunate, have significantly altered kinetics during pregnancy. Special points 1. Patients with P. vivax and P. ovale infections should also take primary priquine 0.25 mg base/kg/day (base 0.375-0.5 mg/kg in Oceania) for 14 days for 14 days to prevent relapse. In mild G6PD deficiency, 0.75 mg base/kg should be administered once weekly for 6 weeks. In the case of severe G6PD deficiency, primaquine should not be used. 2. None of the tetracyclines should be used in pregnant women or children under 8 years of age. multiple drug lymns during pregnancy (e.g. atovaquone, mefloquine, cyloguanil). The main pharmacokinetic properties of antimalarials is how long they remain in the body. Artemisinin and its derivatives are absorbed and excreted most imply (half-life = 1 hour or less). Quinine is also absorbed and eliminated during one parasitic life cycle (11 hours in healthy subjects up to patients with severe malaria). Other antimalarials are eliminated very slowly, remaining at significant concentrations for several days (pyrimethamine, halofantrine, lufophantrhin, atovaquone) or even weeks (mefloquine, chloroquine and piperakin). In general, fast-excreted drugs (artemisinin and quinine) should be transferred to four aborn cycles (7 days) to provide a cure for non-immune patients. In contrast, the drug that has Page 256 Share Cite Suggested Quote: 9 Antimalarial Drugs and Drug Resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. 9. Treatment of severe malaria health care: Hospital intensive care unit (Icu) No intravenous infusion possible rural health clinic: No injection option for chloroquins resistant P. falciparum quinine dihydrochloride 7 mg of salt/kg in 30 minutes, followed by 10 mg/kg immediately within 4 hours; 20 mg of salt/kg administered within 4 hours. Maintenance dose: 10 mg salt/kg administered over 2 to 8 hours at an 8 hour interval quinine dihydrochloride 20 mg salt/kg diluted 1:2 with sterile water administered by split injection on both front of the abdomen. Maintenance dose: 10 mg/kg for 8 hours 10 mg quinine base/kg administered as an infusion over 1-2 hours followed by 1.2 mg base/kg/hourb Electrocardiographic monitoring Recommended Page 257 Part Cite Recommended hardening 9 Antimalarial drugs and drug resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Artemisinin derivatives Artemether 3.2 mg stat.m. 1.6 mg/kg/day. Artesunate 2.4 mg/kg stat.m. then a day known chloroquinol-sensitive P. falciparum chloroquina 10 mg base/kg administered intravenously at a constant rate of 8 hours followed by 15 mg base/kg over 24 hours chloroquine 3.5 mg base/kg for 6 hours or 2.5 mg base/kg over 4 hours at l.m or s.c. A total dose of 25 mg base/kg/10 mg/kg/day or nasogest chloroquine as oral use The desired dose interval for parenteral quinine in African children is 12 hours. bSome authorities recommend a lower dose of 6.2 mg base/kg at baseline within 1 hour followed by 0.012 mg base/kg/hour. There are insufficient data on confident dose recommendations. General points A. If in doubt, the infection is considered to be chlorino-resistant. There are very few places where chloroquine can now be relied on. B. Infusions can be given in 0.9% saline solution, 5% or 10% dextrose/water. C. The rate of infusion of quinine antilms should be closely monitored. D. Oral treatment should be initiated as soon as the patient can swallow with sufficient confidence to complete end of the course of treatment. p. 258. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Halofantrine, lymefantrhin, atovaquone and, to a much lesser extent, mefloquine, are hydrophobia and lipophilised (i.e. insoluble in water and able to dissolve fat); as a result, their absorption also varies depending on the amount of dietary fat consumed. For this reason, the blood concentration of this medicine may vary considerably depending on whether the same dose is followed. The way drugs act on its purpose, in this case, plasmodia-called pharmacodynamics. The main effect of antimalarial drugs for uncomplicated malaria is to inhibit parasite reproduction by killing parasites. If the untreated infection progressed to maximum efficacy, with each life cycle, the total body parasite load would increase by a multiplication rate that would bring the average number of viable parasites closer to the average number of mature schizont (18-36) (White, 1997). The proliferation of parasites in non-immune individuals often occurs at a multiplication rate of 6 to 20 per 2 day cycle (30-90 percent efficacy). Antimalarial drugs with maximum effect (Emax), on the other hand, reduce the total number of parasites 10- to 10,000 times per cycle. Individual antimalarial drugs differ in their Emax (i.e. part of the total plasmodia killed in one treatment); for example, artemisins often yield 10,000 times the cut for each aborn cycle, while antimalarial antibiotics such as tetracycline or clindamycin can only reach 10 times the parasite reduction cycle. The lowest blood or plasma concentration of antimalarial drugs that cause Emax can be considered as a minimum parasitic concentration (MPC). The reduction of parasites appears to be a first-order process throughout (Day et al., 1996), which means that a fixed part of the infectious malaria parasite population is removed in each subsequent cycle, provided that the MPC is exceeded. Patients with acute malaria may have up to 1,012 parasites circulating in the blood. Even with a kill rate of 99.99 percent per cycle, at least three life cycles (6 days) are required to completely eradicate parasite loads; therefore, the concentration of therapeutic drugs should be 4 cycles to carry out the cure (White, 1997, 1998). Simply put, patients taking rapidly removed medicines should continue treatment throughout the week. Treatment responses are always better in patients with some immunity (York and Macfie, 1924), because immune responses kill parasites much the same as Page 259 Share Cite Recommended Quote: 9 Antimalarial Drugs and Drug Resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of the Malaria Drug Age Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 × do. In endemic areas, the worst treatment outcomes can be seen in young children with low immunity. By contrast, although their degree of immune protection cannot be determined or accepted, older children or adults in high-transmission areas can do surprisingly well with failed drugs because much of their therapeutic response stems from immunity rather than antimalarial drug activity. In severe falciparum malaria, the stage in which the action of antimalarial drugs is especially important, because the ultimate goal of treatment is to stop parasites maturation at a late stage, cytoherent parasites (i.e. mature schizonts that attach endothelium cell lining to small blood vessels), which are primarily responsible for life-threatening complications. Artemisinin derivatives are beneficial because they prevent parasites from maturing to these more pathological stages, while quinine and quinidine do not affect parasites until they are already quoted. Antifols work even later in the cycle and are not recommended for severe malaria (Yayon et al., 1983; ter Kulle et al., 1993). None of the drugs will prevent rupture and reinitiation of infected red blood cells when schizonts are present (i.e. early aborn parasites) are also relatively drug resistant, especially in the case of pyrimethamine. Artemisinin derivatives offer the most extensive antimalarial action against the stages of development and the fast to P. falciparum (Banatvala, 1997). These compounds (and to a lesser extent chloroquine) prevent the dephatation, incurs clearance of ring stages and prevent the abnormality of terminal organs that would otherwise occur if cytopena progresses uncontrolled (Chotivanch et al., 2000). Pyrimethamine and biguanides, such as chloroquine, affect folic acid synthesis by inhibiting a parasite enzyme called dihydrofolate reductase reductase-thymidine synthase (DHFR). Sulphonamides act in the previous stage by folic acid by inhibiting the parasite enzyme dihydropteroate synthase (DHPS). There is a strong synergy between these two classes of drugs when they are together. However, resistance to pyrimethamine P. falciparum developed within a few years after its introduction (Peters, 1987) due to the point mutation of the DHFR gene, which causes 100- to 1,000 times reduced affinity of the enzyme complex on the drug. Progressive mutations of the P. falciparum drug gene further reduced efficacy. Triple mutant infections are relatively resistant to antiphatate therapy, with a fourth mutation in the malaria parasite, antiphatate drugs become completely ineffective. p. 260. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×7 P. falciparum strains are now common in parts of Southeast Asia, and South America (Imwong et al., 2001). Resistance to partner antifols sulphonamide and sulfon is acquired by gradually obtaining mutations in the P. falciparum gene coding target enzyme DHPS. One of chloroquino's most dramatic properties is its ability to concentrate from nanomolar (10-9) levels outside the parasite to levels one million times higher (millimolarly, 10-3) acidic food vacuole from the parasite inside red blood cells (Krogstad and Schlesinger, 1987). However, this action does not itself explain the antimalarial activity of chloroquine. Chloroquine works by interfering with heme dimerization, a detoxifying biochemical process of malaria parasite, which usually yields malaria pigment (hemozoin). Reduced intracellular drug concentrations accompany chlorquin resistance as resistant parasites expel chloroquine from acid feed vacuoles 40-50 times faster than drug-sensitive parasites (Bray et al., 1998). Such accumulation deficit was once associated with a change in the pH gradient or a change in membrane permeability, or both (Le Bras and Durand, 2003). However, chlorinoquine resistance was found to be reversible with verapamil, a drug that also modulates multi-resistant (MDR) mammalian cancer cells. This discovery led to the identification of the protein Pgh1b (an analogue of exaggerated glycoproteins that expel cytotoxic drugs in cancer cells) in the digestive vacuole membrane P. falciparum. P. falciparum (pfmrd1) are specified genes that encode MDR proteins, the enhancement of these wild-type MDR genes has recently shown to be caused by millifine resistance (Price et al., 1998). The point mutation in the gene that encodes the food vacuole transporter protein (pfdr) is associated with chloroquine resistance (Durand et al., 2001; Warhurst, 2001) and correlates with reduced in vivo chloroquine efficacy (Djimdje et al., 2001). In the presence of PfCRT mutations, the second transporter (Pfmdr) of the mutation further reduces in vitro resistance, although the role of Pfmrd1 mutations in determining in vivo responses to chloroquinosis therapy remains unclear. Additional unbound mutations may be involved in the development of chloroquine resistance, some of which have not yet been identified. In the laboratory, the exhaust mechanism seen in chloroquine-resistant P. falciparum parasites may inhibit several unbound drugs (calcium channel blockers such as verapamil, as well as tricyclic antidepressants, phenothiazines, and antihistamines), while mefloquine resistance may be Page 261 Share Cite Recommended Citation: 9 Antimalarial drug and drug resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Oduola et al., Oduola et al., Clinical applications from these findings are few to date, although chloroquine plus high doses of chlorpheniramine (antihistamine) had shown better efficacy against chloroquineoestentu P. falciparum in Nigerian children (Sowunmi et al., 1997). Whether the general use of resistance reversal will be safe and possible in the future remains an open question (Personal Communication, N. White, Mahidol University, March 2004). In general, antimalarial drug resistance to meflifine, quinine, lymefantrhin and halofantrine is associated, but chloroquine and resistance to meflifin are not. Resistance between antimalarials is linked to the common aspects of their activities, as well as to the mechanisms of resistance. Parasites with high levels of chloroquine resistance (in southeast Asia) are generally also resistant to amodiaquin; The population of Southeast Asia amodiaquin may thus fall as aid treatment (Le Bras and Durand, 2003). The same relationship applies to halofantrine and meflifin. On the other hand, there may be an inverse correlation between chloroquine and meflifin sensitivity: in Africa, for example, chloroquin-sensitive strains are significantly less susceptible to meflifine or halofantrine, and vice versa (Oduola et al., 1987; Simon et al., 1988). Atovaquone is malaron® ingredient, a new combination of drugs (consisting of atovaquone and proguanil) used to treat and remove chloroquine-resistant P. falciparum. Atovaquone interferes with the transport of mitochondrial electrons and blocks cell breathing (Srivastava et al., 1997). High levels of atovaquone resistance arise from one point mutations in the gene encoding cytochrome b found on a small, extrachromatomal DNA-containing element in a parasite (Korinsczyk et al., 2000). From available antimalarial means, artemisins are effective in killing the widest range of aborn-stage parasites, ranging from medium-sized rings to early schizonts; they also produce the fastest therapeutic response by accelerating the clearance of circulating ring-stage parasites (ter Kulle et al., 1993). Qinghaosu or artemisinin is a sesquiterpene lactone peroxide that is extracted from the leaves of the shrub Artemisia annua (qinghao). These derivatives are widely used; oil soluble methyl ether, artemether (artemisol [artemether is a closely related compound]), water-soluble hemi-ester derivative, artesunate, dihydroarteminin (DHA), p. 262. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Artesunate, artemether, and arteether are all synthesized from DHA, and they are converted back to their body. Artemisinin itself is available in some countries in Asia. It is 5-10 times less active than derivatives and is not metabolised to Artemisinin is available as powder capsules or suppositories. Artemether is formulated in peanut oil, and arteether semans seed oil, for intramuscular injection, and in capsules or tablets for oral use. The artesunate is formulated either as tablets, in a gel placed in a gel for rectal administration (called rectofen™) or as a dry powder for injection of artilec acid supplied with an ampoule of 5 per cent sodium bicarbonate. The powder is dissolved in sodium bicarbonate to form sodium artesunate and then diluted with 5 per cent dextrose or saline for intravenous or intramuscular injection. Artelic acid is a water-soluble second generation compound that has not yet been used for treatment. Most clinical data refer to the most widely used derivative, artesunate. Artemisinin was first isolated from the stems, leaves, and flowers of Artemisia annua by Chinese scientists (Anonymous, 1982; Klayman et al., 1984), but no information on the process was omitted. Researchers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Research Institute (WRAIR) successfully isolated artemisinin derivatives from air-dried parts of plants growing in the wild near Washington, D.C. through oil ether extraction (Klayman, 1985). The plant grows easily in temperate areas and has become naturalized in many countries. It can reach a height of two meters or more, appearing as erect a sample with a wood stem. Artemisinin accumulates in all parts of A. annua except for roots (Abdin et al., 2003). Artemisinin content in donations is 4-5 times larger than the pages. The plant age correlates with the crop of artemisinin, possibly due to a gradual increase in leaf yield and artemisinin content with plant growth. In the agricultural environment in Asia, the production of artesunate has ranged from 5 kg/ha to 50 kg/ha (Personal Communication, J-M. Kindermans, Médecins Sans Frontières, February 2004). The chemical structure of Artemisinin is unlike other known antimalarials. This includes the endoperoxide bridge necessary for its antimalarials (Brossi et al., 1988). Artemisinin treatment of membranes, especially in the presence of heme, causes lipid peroxidation (Scott et al., 1989; p. 263. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 ×7 Berman and Adams, 1997); this side effect may occur due to drug interactions with intracellular heme or iron (Meshnick et al., 1991). As for the direct effects of artemisinin on the malaria parasite, recent work suggests that artemisinin specifically inhibits PfATP6, SERCA orthologous Plasmodium falm, calcium ATPase (Eckstein-Ludwig et al., 2003). In vivo, artemisins kill malaria parasites within a proportion of 93 percent) showed that both the incidence of cure and parasite clearance was significantly higher in patients who received 3 days of artesunate plus a single dose of SP compared to patients who received SP alone. Gametic carriage was 68 percent following artesunate compared to 21 percent after the artesunate-SP combination (p=0.001). By contrast, underlying SP resistance in Uganda led to unacceptable late recedation rates when artesunate-SP was used there (Dorsey et al., 2002). This conclusion emphasizes that combining artemisinin with longer-acting drugs without basic resistance may prove to be the optimal mode in many areas. On the other hand, in Thailand, where drug resistance is particularly severe, artesunate plus mefloquine was very effective, even in areas where mefloquine resistance was previously quite common (Price et al., 1997). In the largest therapeutic efficacy study with AKT, artesunate plus meflifine produced a long-term, increased cure rate (almost 100 percent during from 1998), despite the established resistance to only high doses of mefloquine observed between 1990 and 1994 (Nosten et al., 2000). Cure rates with other ACTs (atovaquone-proguanil-artesunate, artemether-lumefantrine) in Asia are also consistently above 90 percent (van Vugt et al., 1998, 1999). Coartem (artemether-lumefantrine) is the first fixed-dose ACT, with Page 265 Share Cite Recommended quote: 9 Antimalarial drugs and drug resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. Coartem is effective against all P. falciparum and very well tolerated when used in a six-dose regimen over 3 days. Coartem's main drawback is its twice-daily eating and lumefantrine variable absorption associated with dietary fat intake (if patients are unable to eat, or consume a very low fat diet while taking the drug, low cure rates can be caused). In randomized studies comparing the six-dose regimen of oral artemether-lumefantrine with meflovin-artesunate multi-resistant P. falciparumalmsalms, artemether-lumefantrine was equally effective (94-100 percent) and generally better tolerated than meflofine-artesunate (van Vugt et al., 1999, 2000; Lefevre et al., 2001). Arteuate can be used injection or as a rectal candle. When comparing intravenous artesunate and quinine in 13 adults with severe malaria, mortality with artesunate was observed in 12 percent and 22 percent with quinine (p=0.22) (Newton and et al., 2003). In hyperparasitic patients who had no other severe malaria effects but who were at increased risk of developing severe malaria, oral arrest was found to be superior to intravenous quinine, reducing both clinical symptoms and parasities (Luxemburger et al., 1995). Rectally administered artesunate has been shown to be safe and very effective in children and adults with uncomplicated to moderate falciparum malaria (Sabchareon et al., 1996; Karunajewa et al., 2003; Barnes et al., 2004). Several recent randomised controlled and open-label studies on rectal artesunate in Africa and Asia have shown that the efficacy of single-dose single-dose single-dose rectal artesunate (10 mg/kg) in moderately high-end falciparum in both children and adults has rapidly demonstrated antimalarial efficacy in both children and adults prior to final treatment. All patients had evidence of adequate absorption of the drug. The clearance of malaria parasites from peripheral blood with rectal arrest was consistently faster than with quinine injection. There are also several small open-label studies, some of which were randomized to demonstrate clinical and parasitological efficacy of rectal arrest in adults with severe P. falciparum infections (Awad et al., 2003), where rectal aratroate was re-administered, and in combination with a second oral artimazine to prevent recrudescence. These clinical and parasitic responses suggest that rectal arate may prove to be very beneficial for initial treatment in acute malaria patients who are unable to take the drug orally (and for whom parenteral medicines are not immediately available due to limited local resources). In Ghana, artesunate suppositories have already been given to trained village volunteers; In the future, traditional healers could also have Page 266 Share Cite Suggested Quote: 9 Antimalarial Drugs and Drug Resistance. Institute of Medicine. 2004. Saving Lives, Buying Time: The Economy of Malaria drug in the era of resistance. Washington, DC: National Academy press. doi: 10.17226/11017 doi: 10.17226/11017 ×. If used extensively enough, rectal artesunate could have a major impact on malaria death in Africa. In the early 1970s, Chinese scientists described the antimalarial properties of artemisins and their excellent tolerability and safety (Anonymous, 1982; Luo and Shen, 1987). Further review in published and unpublished studies on artemisinin derivatives confirmed previous Chinese findings (Yakataakamee et al., 2000). These adverse reactions reported have been reported specifically related to one form or route of administration of artemisinin. Neutropenia (but not agranulocytosis) and asymptomatic ECG abnormalities occurred in 1.3% of patients; decreased reticulocyte count, anaemia, eosinophilia and increased aspartate aminotransferase (liver enzyme) occurred in s 1.0% (Taylor and White, 2004). In Western Thailand, Price and colleagues (1999a) conducted a detailed study of oral artesunate or artemether used alone or in combination with meflifine. Artemisinin derivatives were associated with significantly lower adverse reactions than meflifine-containing regimens: acute nausea (16 vs. 31 percent), vomiting (11 to 24 percent), anorexia (34 versus 52 percent) and dizziness (15 vs. 47%). Oral artesunate or artemether alone was well tolerated. As these data were published in two cases of acute urticaria and anaphylaxis that occurred in the same population after anaesthetate monotherapy, increasing the total number of allergic reactions in 6 patients from approximately 17,000 or 1 in 2,833 (Leonard et al., 2001). Experience with Coartem is growing rapidly. In large-scale clinical trials, the combination was very well tolerated, regardless of whether it was used as a four- or six-dose regimen. Coartem has been better tolerated than mefloquine monotherapy, or increased plus mefloquina (van Vugt et al., 2000). The efficacy and safety of the combination of artesunate and sulfadoxin-pyrimethamine (SP) has been evaluated in randomised controlled trials in 2,865 patients in sub-Saharan Africa. 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